



FACT SHEET

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GUTERL STEEL — LOCKPORT, NEW YORK

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

Location

- City of Lockport, NY, approximately 28 miles north of Buffalo, NY

Site History and Project Description

- Guterl is a 70-acre site in Lockport, NY. Specific buildings used in the operations cover about nine acres within an abandoned “excised property” adjacent to an active manufacturing facility
- The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission used the site to perform rolling mill operations on approximately 35 million pounds of uranium metals and 40 thousand pounds of thorium metals between 1948 and 1955.
- The Corps completed a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) remedial investigation report in August 2010 to characterize the nature and extent of radiological contamination.

Importance

- As is, the site does not pose an immediate threat to human health; however, elevated levels of radionuclides exist that exceed requirements and limitations promulgated under federal environmental laws. If contamination remains, it may pose future risk to human health and the environment.
- The objective of FUSRAP is to remediate sites to a risk level commensurate with projected future use of the site.

Consequences

- Potential for long-term adverse human health effects
- Loss of economically viable property

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Investigation*	\$14.2M	\$13.7M	\$500k	\$0	\$500k	TBD

*Investigation phase includes remedial investigation, feasibility study, proposed plan, and record of decision.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Customers include adjacent property owners (ATI Specialty Metals), affected communities, elected leaders, and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies.

Congressional Interests

- Representative Chris Jacobs R NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

Current Status

- The Buffalo District is currently developing the record of decision (ROD) to document the selected remedy for the site. The ROD will include a responsiveness summary with responses to public comments received on the proposed plan. Public release of the ROD is anticipated in early 2023.

Issues

- None



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